



12 September 2002

Mr. William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 01-309. RM-8658

Ex Parte Comments

In the Matter of Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible  
Telephones

Consumer representatives met with FCC staff from the Wireless Bureau and the Disability Rights Office to discuss the above mentioned proceeding.

Present at the meeting representing consumers were:

Claud Stout, TDI; Mac Gibson, AGBell; Linda Kozma-Spytek, RERC Gallaudet;  
Karen Peltz Strauss, RERC Gallaudet; Dana Mulvany, SHHH Volunteer; Lindsey Davis, intern  
Gallaudet; Brenda Battat, SHHH and WAC (Wireless Action Coalition)

From the FCC: Blaise Scinto, Mindy Littell, Pat Forster, Joel Taubenblatt, Barry Ohlson, the Wireless Bureau; Tom Chandler, Sheryl King, Janet Sievert, the Disability Rights Office; Jerry Stanshine, Office of Engineering and Technology.

Topics discussed at the meeting were

- The status of the NPRM for revoking the exemption for wireless phones to be HAC
- Hearing aid compatibility and the discontinuation of analog service
- Opposition to the ex parte comments submitted by AUDEX
- Concern about the industry focus on accessories as solutions to the interference problem
- Preliminary results of the SHHH on-line mobile phone survey (copies enclosed here)

Sincerely,

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